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(57) Abstract

Methods for preparing transgenic avians which express exogenous protein substantially only in their oviducts are disclosed. Each of the methods comprises delivering nucleic acid expression cassettes directly to the oviducts of the avians. The exogenous protein expressed by the expression cassette is secreted into the lumen of the avian oviduct and secreted into the eggs of the transgenic avians. Methods for preparing eggs which contain exogenous protein, such as human interferon, and methods for the production of proteins are also disclosed. The methods for direct oviduct transgenesis may also be used to assess the suitability of expression cassettes or exogenous proteins for expression in the avian oviduct.

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A method for preparing a transgenic avian which expresses an exogenous protein substantially only in its oviduct, or which lays eggs containing exogenous protein, comprising: delivering a nucleic acid expression cassette directly to the oviduct of an immature avian, wherein the nucleic acid expression cassette comprises (i) a promoter and (ii) a nucleic acid sequence which codes for an exogenous protein and which is operably linked to the promoter; said transgenic avian.

2. Claims: 19-20

Methods for testing the efficiency of or the ability of a promoter to facilitate expression of a transgene in an avian oviduct comprising : delivering a nucleic acid expression cassette directly to the oviduct of an immature avian, wherein the nucleic acid expression cassette comprises (i) a promoter and (ii) a nucleic acid sequence which codes for an exogenous protein and which is operably linked to the promoter; and assaying for the presence or amount of the exogenous protein in the lumen of the oviduct.

3. Claim : 21

A method for screening a preparation of viral particles for deleterious mutations comprising: delivering the viral particles from a single preparation to the oviduct of an immature avian, wherein the viral particles contain nucleic nucleic acid expression cassettes comprising (i) a promoter and (ii)a nucleic acid sequence which codes for an exogenous protein and which is operably linked to the promoter; and assaying for the presence or amount of the exogenous protein in the lumen of the oviduct

4. Claims: 26-27

An intact avian containing protein exogenous to the avian egg.

5. Claim : 28

An Avian Leukosis Virus pseudotyped with the G envelope glycoprotein of the Vesicular Stomatitis Virus

6. Claim : 29 30

An isolated polynucleotide comprising the sequence set in SEQ ID NO:1, the complement thereof, an at least 12

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nucleotide-long fragment thereof, or a sequence that hybridizes thereto, wherein said polynucleotide is not a fragment of an interferon alpha-2b found in nature; an expression vector comprising said nucleotide and a promoter linked thereto.

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